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ASBG President Farewell

The chapter in my book titled *ASBG President,* is soon ending. It is time for me to start another chapter. I am sad and excited at the same time.

I have had many new and exciting experiences as your student body President. It has been chaotic, frustrating, satisfying and challenging. I have learned a lot about being a team player, delegating and sometimes making some very tough decisions. The experience has not been easy but I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

I want to thank those who survived in office with me over the past two years. Your support has been in valuable. I have seen self doubt turn into confidence, weaknesses turn into strength, and good changes come in our student body government. I am proud to have served with you.

Thank you to the staff and faculty for your support, your encouragement, and often, for your patience.

To the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your leadership and teaching me that tough decisions have to be made but that, the good of all, especially as it applies to the students, is upper most in your considerations.

To Lois Tivey, I could not have done this job without your broad shoulders, open mind and sense of humor. Congratulations on your certification. It is well deserved.

My hopes for the future student body leaders is that you will continue with changes that benefit students, stand up for fairness and rightness of government and grow as leaders of the college community. Good luck in your endeavors.

To everyone at Clatsop Community College, have a great summer. It's been one heck of a ride.

With appreciation for the people and gratitude for the experience.

Anita Robertson CCC
ASBG President 2001-2003.

Clatsop Community College Announces the new president

Dr. Greg Hamann is the new president. His term of office starts on July I,2003

Dr. John Wubben will be retiring this year.

ESL Students Grant Interview by Katy Mott

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure to meet Tongue Point students who are learning English as a second language. Entering Sharon Cumming's classroom I found seven young energetic students with pensive faces, waiting politely for me to ask them a few questions. Sharon introduced me to the class and they each took turns identifying themselves and telling me what country they were from. Russia, Moldavia and Mexico were the most common countries represented in this cross-section of students. All though they were nervous I could tell by their ready smiles they were eager to have an opportunity to share a few words with me and the rest of the student body through the Bandit.

I learned that all seven have been in the United States less than three years. I found it amazing that these young students are completely focused on their endeavors to reach their goals and clearly know what those goals are. The representation of diverse areas is apparent in their respective choices and ranged from Dental assisting, office procedures to electricians and vocational trades such as maintenance.

I remember wishing there would be time enough to interview all the group present, but alas, I had to narrow the choices down to only two.

Saba, a beautiful young Ethiopian and extremely shy, answered my first question of what brought her to this area. She said she came from Seattle where she had been living with her Dad. She came here to receive an education and improve her language and computer skills. When asking if there was any culture shock for her when she came to the United States she said "little differences" nothing large just "little differences". When I asked Saba what she missed most about the old country she said "her mom". She missed going to church with her mom most of all.

Expressing the feeling of music

Saba talked about the old people of her native country. She told how before Easter a lot of the old people would get together and play the harp as a celebration for Easter. "It is how to express feeling before Easter". Saba likes being here and feels good about fitting in to her surroundings.

Andre has come here from Moldavia via Tacoma Washington. He is here to achieve better language skills in English and to receive an education. When I asked him what he missed the most from his country he replied " I miss my friends the most." He also said that for him new friends took a while to form because of the language barrier. The language barrier is tough on friendships. As far as music goes he is no different then you or I. He enjoys techno the most as that is what is the most popular among his age group in Moldovia. He loves to cook with potatoes and rice and has a wonderful recipe for borscht. He says "America feels good." I asked him whether or not he would do it all over again (the struggle coming here) and he said he would. He also said he would like to go back to Tacoma because he feels there is more jobs available there.

When I asked about girlfriends or a sweetheart he became a little embarrassed and very thoughtful. He let me know that he had a lot of work ahead of him first before a sweetheart could be a reality. I asked him what type of work would be that defining to not allow for a sweetheart? In his response he let me know that out of respect for women in his culture a man does not marry until he has a good job first.

New ASBG Officers for 2003-04:

President: Micheal Black

Vice President: Rinda Johanson

Treasurer: Anna Thrasher

Social Activities Senator: Joanne Mann

Publications Senator: Kristine Murry

Sports and Clubs Senator: Tatjana Taubert

Teacher of the Year:

Deac Guidi

Congratulations !!!!!

Guest Column: by Wanda Beck

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

America, the land of opportunity, is it for you? What are you doing with that God-given opportunity? What can that great opportunity do for you?

You may not have as many years as I have, but now more than ever I realize what 'opportunity' means. I have the opportunity to get a college diploma for the first time, and I'm grateful it's there for me. Sure it's hard; but what good thing in life isn't. We don't enjoy opportunities as much if they are easy.

We have many students on our campus who were not born in America and yet they are enjoying the freedom you and I have to go to this college. That's what America is all about.Opportunity for some means home, family success, the good life and the freedom to worship God or not as we choose; another kind of opportunity is there for us.

The dark side of opportunity means some take that freedom to steal, to kill on a whim, maim children, use drugs and alcohol indiscriminately, and generally cause havoc to any and all around us and a lot of them get away with it; even though our justice system does it's best. But are they free? I don't think so.

Opportunity means taking what life has to offer and making the best of it.

I want to give some examples, it doesn't matter what your background or education, poverty or wealth, it's there for you.

Abraham Lincoln studied by firelight in a log cabin. It is said that he walked miles to return a penny because, "It wasn't mine." Opportunity led him to the Presidency of the United States.

George Washington Carver was a descendent of slaves, and yet he became president of a college and found by studying that the soybean was good for so many things. Through his leadership his people have used their opportunities for the good of others and for our nation many times over.

And then there is Mario, his last name isn't important to you, not because it wasn't important to him, it was, but because of what he did, that's important. He was sent from his home in Milan, Italy when he was seventeen years of age because his parents didn't want him to serve in the Italian Army. When he landed on Ellis Island he had seventeen dollars in his pocket and didn't know one person. He worked his way across the United States to an uncle in San Francisco California and went to work in a bakery. He began by learning the business, getting up at four a.m. working days and going to night school, in just a few weeks plus five years he became a citizen and had saved enough money

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to start a bakery of his own. He had to start over at forty-five years of age because he was allergic to the flour; so he started a frozen foods plant. The first plant was small, today there are fourteen acres under several roofs packaging vegetables. Almost half of the frozen vegetables in the markets today are from that plant. It wasn't his accomplishments that he was proudest of even though he had met with three presidents and had a private audience with the Pope in Rome, but of his American citizenship

So, when college seems to be getting too hard, look about you. Opportunity is there for you to be anything you want to be. Take it and run with it; nothing can stop you.

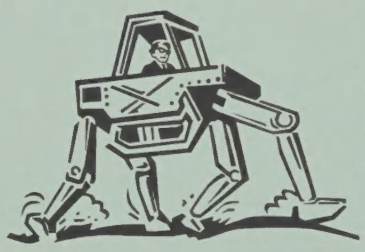
Wanda Beck, student at CCC.

Local Happenings in the Art World

Clatsop Community College Art Student Exhibits Work

A very colorful series of monotypes titled "99 Leaves" will be featured at the Hair Gallery during the month of October. The work is that of artist Doreen Buchan who studied Monotype printmaking during winter term with instructor Royal Nebecker Commercial The Hair Gallery is located at 1292 Street.

Local Contest



The Wombat Moon Café is sponsoring a contest that is open to all artists. It will be divided up by age groups. The deadline is July 19th . The medium is used computer parts! The contest entry forms need to be turned in at the café. The computer parts can be picked up there too.

On July 19th the creations will be exhibited in an auction to be held at Shively Park. The winners will be the pieces that generate the most money. The prizes are varied and include gift certificates from local merchants. All contestants receive a $5.00 gift certificate for the café and a free hour of computer time.

Star Wars Anyone???????

" Let The Force Be With You"

You can also check their web page for the entry form and details at :

WWW.Raintree.org/lpr

Attention Students: Please Take a few moments to write comments and suggestions for next year.
Your input as a student is what can make this campus student oriented. Please take the time to make a difference. Thank You.
Tear out this whole page and either mail it to ASBG at Clatsop Community College or drop it by the ASBG office or in the suggestion box outside the door of ASBG.

Cafeteria Survey

What are the Most Important Items offered by the college cafeteria?

Food Items:

Hours of operation?

Student Center: Does it meet the requirements of a student area to relax, converse and study? What changes would you like to see in the lounge area of the cafeteria?

Activities Survey

What new types of activities would you like to see on this campus?

Examples: Book exchange, dance, rent the Aquatic Center for a family swim, a picnic at the lake, star gazing etc.

Clubs

The clubs on campus are great, but there isn't much in choice. What new clubs would you like to be a part of?

Examples: Toastmasters, canoeing or sailing ,perhaps a club geared for the older non traditional students, to exchange ideas on how to cope with the pitfalls and concerns of campus life. What about a writers club or science club?

The Changing Face of Clatsop Community College

Our college must place high value on services that encourage student success which includes strong leadership that is willing to face and accept changes. Our college must have a vision to know that in order for the college to stay healthy it needs to move in new directions. Presently we have both Lives in Transition and the Plus Program that do enhance a students success but by their very nature they are structured for a small portion of the student body.

Our college needs to ensure the future by having the students in the forefront and the administration behind the scenes. Our college must stop looking into the past to see how the future must be implemented but rather needs to turn to innovation and creativity and new thought processes to accommodate the changing structure of our community of students. To resist change is to die. Trying to hold on to ideas and policies just because they worked in the past is archaic and worse is undermining the abilities and the rightful power of the student body.

Established procedures must not be at the cost of change that can bring much needed improvement. Clatsop Community College has a chance this year with the coming of the new president to instigate on the side of innovation changes that can bring the community and college together in ways that have been lacking for a long time.

Clatsop is a two year college. I am saddened with the words I so often hear on this campus that because of the transitional nature of a two year student body efforts for serious consideration must be curtailed to fit within narrow guidelines. Because this is a two year campus I feel not only the need is greater but the responsibility is too. By the very nature of a two year campus we have a tremendous opportunity to make a greater impact in our community and campus through assertive ability to respond and change quickly. Community colleges can change faster than many four year institutions. Clatsop needs to step up to the 21st century.

Dr. Laurence Johnson, director of the League for Innovation in the Community College, sums it up this way :

"Established procedures are necessary to make operations run smoothly, but they can also be effective inhibitors to change when they become too rigid or ends unto themselves. A colleague used to say that colleges that cling to the comfort of familiarity-doing things because "we've always done them this way"-are poised on the brink of the 1970s. While it is understandable to seek familiarity in these changing times, this path leads to sure failure. To succeed in the 21st century, community colleges must be willing to see things as they have never before appeared. Their vision-or lack of it-will determine the degree of their success."

The Editors Column

Through the student publication, I hope to voice our passions, goals and concerns as students at Clatsop.

Katy Mott Editor

Thank you all!

By Jo Mann

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, faculty and staff for all of their support through out my one term serving on the ASBG. Serving as activities senator has taught me a lot of experiences. Not only how to be a better leader but be a better follower. There is more to this position then just planning activities, it is about being a member of a team. I learned teamwork is the most important role being on the ASBG. I had to learn this through trial and error.

The other day I was on my cell phone with my best friend for 13 years. I had been talking to her on the way up the hill to school. As soon as I reached the campus, people were saying "HI" to me and interrupting our conversation. She started to laugh. I asked what she was laughing at. She said "You are like a little social butterfly." All I can say is ok and whatever. As I thought about her statement, all I can think of is yes I'm a little butterfly. I got my wings from the LIT program. Those classes was the first classes I took to start my college experience. Thank you Elaine, for all your hard work to have a LIT program. I hope you enjoy your retirement.

As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank Anita, JoAnn, Holly and Ben for letting me finish the year with all of you and giving me the knowledge to continue on for next year. As for Katy, thanks for all the proofreading and the funny quotes.

Thank you to everyone for showing up to the BBQ's. They were so fun!! I can't wait until next year to plan activities and work with the new officers.

I would like to encourage everyone to fill out the surveys for activities for next year. I need all the ideas I can get. I will try my best to look into all avenues open to me.

I would like to wish all the graduates good luck on their new adventures. Everyone have a good summer and see you in the fall.

From Within

The intention of this column is to share insight, through poetry or short incidents about life. The Bandit is very interested in submissions for this column by the students of Clatsop. If you have something you would like to say please stop by and see Katy Mott in the ASBG office or Email the Bandit on line at Bandit_Editor@clatsop.cc.or.us

To realize the value of a sister
Ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years:
Ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years:
Ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year:
Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of one month:
Ask the mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week:
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one hour:
Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute:
Ask the person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one second:
Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond:
Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.
You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

To realize the value of a friend:
Lose one.

Puffs of Hair by JoAnne Surber

JoAnne's college plan:

Get plan A:

1. Get FAFSA in ahead of time
2. Apply to Ford foundation
3. Apply for Oregon Childcare grant
4. Get P.S.U. Diversity Scholarship

WHAT???? WHAT DO YOU MEAN MY FAFSA WAS LOST???????
HOW COULD IT GET LOST?????????
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M DISQUALIFIED FROM THE FORD FOUNDATION??????????????????
WHAT ???????THE OREGON CHILDCARE GRANT WENT DOWN IN THE SENATE?????????????? I'M LOSING PUFFS OF HAIR!!!!!!!

Plan B: (" On the road again, I'm on the road again")

1. Out of several hundred I have been selected to receive the diversity scholarship. Full tuition for up to two years!!!!!

P.S.U. HERE I COME!!!!!!

WHAT??????????
THEY CUT THE BUDGET???? I'M LOSING PUFFS OF HAIR!!!

I have been awarded $1,500 smackeroos for me and my three children to live on in Portland for the entire year!!!!

WHERE IS MY PLAN C???????????

I'M LOSING PUFFS OF HAIR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Plan D: buy wig.

"It's not how far your going it's how far you've come." J.S.

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COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL THE BANDIT!

The ASBG and the Bandit would like to let you know what we are all about..

The Associated Student Body Government of Clatsop Community College will work to promote an effective academic, social, and cultural environment for all students; encourage opportunities for leadership and character development; and strengthen student representation in all College related activities..

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Dates To Remember

Graduation Rehearsal
June 12th

Graduation June 13th

Summer Term Starts
June 23rd

Grades mailed or picked up on June 20th